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## Work and Workers

Brother G. W. Rench reports one more baptism and accession to the Goshen class.

Brother Mackey informs us that the present outlook indicates that quite a number from his section of the country will attend General Conference.

Brother and Sister Flora request us to announce that their present address is Des Moines, Iowa, No. 8 Rawson Building. Their correspondents will please make a note of this.

Brother J. C. Mackey writes: "Under my direction brother C. E. Deffenbaugh has completed the requirements of the course in History and has received from Soule College the degree of Master of Arts."

Brother Kimmel of the Dayton Mission reports three accessions to his congregation. Brother Kimmel is very much encouraged with the work in Dayton and he has every reason to be encouraged. The work has been prospering under his charge even beyond his expectations. There are yet greater things in store for the Dayton Mission.

One of the students of Chicago University who has been investigating the doctrines of the Brethren church and is consequently looking our way, preached for Brother Yoder at Fairview a few Sundays ago. The young man expresses himself as well pleased with our people. We trust he may continue his investigations until he finds himself one of and with and for us.

We are glad to learn and our readers will be glad to learn that Brother Gillin has accepted the invitation to deliver the class address at Ashland College at the time of Commencement. As the State Conference of Ohio will be held immediately following the close of the school our people will have an opportunity, by coming a few days earlier, to hear the address, a privilege which is not often afforded them and we feel sure that a goodly number will avail themselves of this opportunity. Brother Gillin will be with us during the conference, and he also informs us that he expects to be at National conference this fall.

It is not to be wondered that Brother Hopkins has been led to write of the good things our Sisters are doing in the congregations of which he is the spiritual shepherd. They have done nobly both financially and otherwise and are certainly deserving of all the praise their pastor has bestowed upon them. Where the sisters are too modest to report their work we think it well for the pastor to follow the example of Brother Hopkins and write up their work for the columns of the EVANGELIST. The brotherhood is interested to know what they are doing and always glad to learn thru

the paper of what they have accomplished in the way of building up the kingdom of God.

Two Missionary Conferences were held last Sabbath, one in the Fair Haven congregation, beginning Saturday evening and closing Sabbath evening. The other in the West Independence congregation, holding the same number of sessions. Of the former congregation Brother Oberholtzer is pastor, and he has very kindly taken time to prepare a report for this issue of the paper. Not having returned until Monday the report could not appear under church news, but we are very glad to give it place here. It is as follows:

The Missionary Convention at Fair Haven, Apr. 20 & 21, was an event long to be remembered by every one present. We hasten to report the good news that others may be encouraged to enjoy a similar treat. The brethren and sisters took hold of the work nobly and did everything they could to make the convention a success. Their pastor cannot express the gratitude he feels for the loyal way in which they entered into the work. The 1000 programs were well distributed and the convention was announced far and near. People from Wooster, Burbank, Red Haw and all the surrounding country were in attendance.

With but few days for preparing a large chorus of 25 or 30 voices was organized. The meetings for practice were well attended, and although the books were new a large number of good, spirited songs were prepared besides a number of quartets, duets and solos. This music was sung with the true Fair Haven spirit.

On Saturday evening the pastor gave a Bible reading on "The Kingdom of God," which was followed by a splendid address by brother G. C. Carpenter, on the subject "A great motive, a great person, a great movement." We would like to speak of some of the good things he told us but time and space fail us. Brother D. F. Eikenberry, having taken Brother Beachler's place who was called home to preach a funeral, followed with a stirring address on "The Abundant life." He too said many good things. These were two good addresses to begin the convention.

The Sunday School, Sunday morning, was well attended and a deep interest was manifested by each class. At the close of the school Brother Eikenberry gave a good ten minute address to the young people on the subject "The open doors." He showed how that in many ways opportunities for usefulness are being presented to young people today as they never were before.

Brother Furry was early on the ground and when the appointed time for preaching services came preached, with his usual vigor and earnestness, an excellent sermon on subject "Christianity's message to the unchristian world." His text was "We have found him," John 1:41. There was a good attendance. The church membership was well represented. The very best of interest was manifested. Everyone went home feeling that it was good for him to have been there.

Sunday evening Brother Carpenter gave a Bible reading on the subject "The Personal Call" which was heartily engaged in by those who brought their Bibles which was a goodly number. The pastor then spoke of "The Christian's attitude toward the purposes and the commands of Jesus Christ." He was followed by Brother Furry who addressed the people on the subject "The evangelization of the world in this generation." The house was crowded. Even a number of students from Ashland College having driven out were present. Brother Furry caught the inspiration

and altho he came at the end of the program for the evening he held the audience almost spell-bound while he poured forth his most earnest appeals for immediate and eager activity in missionary work.

On the whole the convention was the greatest event that has come to Fair Haven church for years. The influence can not be measured or estimated. It helped the church and we look for some good results in the way of missionary support. As Brother Furry said, the word foreign was mentioned but little during the convention. It was missions that were agitated. Foreign and home go together; they can not be separated. God's purpose is world-wide and the Christian's purpose must be the same or he can be no Christian. It helped the community and we hope to see the results in increased attendance at our services. It helped the College in that it showed the people that we have men of talent and worth in our institution and that the men that go out from there have ability as a result of the training received.

In conclusion we have only to say, may God bless all other churches where conventions are held thru-out the State of Ohio as he has blessed Fair Haven and may other states be reached as well. May God bless the Students' Volunteer band in carrying on this work and God's name be praised for putting it into the hearts of our delegates to the Toronto convention to inaugurate this movement.

Brother Marcus Witter, pastor of the West Independence congregation where the other Missionary Convention was held furnished a report of that meeting which is as follows:

The Christian workers of the College arranged to hold Mission Conference in several churches of the brotherhood. Their purpose is to fan the spark of Missionary interest into a great flame of zeal for the extension of the Kingdom. Accordingly on last Saturday, Prof. J. Allen Miller and Prof. J. C. Beal accompanied M. A. Witter to his charge at West Independence.

Saturday evening they found an audience eager to hear their message. Prof. Miller gave a Bible reading that could have no other effect than to inspire interest in work for souls. Two addresses followed, one by M. A. Witter on, "The World's Need", and the other by Prof. Beal on "What Christians are doing to meet that need." The hearers were made to realize that great as is the Christian work that has been done it is all too little to meet the needs of a world from which a soul departs every second, nine out of every ten without having heard of the Lord Jesus.

Sunday morning after the study of the Sunday school lesson Prof. Beal addressed the school on "Peter as a Missionary." He showed the characteristics of Peter that made him especially fitted for the work that the Lord had for him to do, emphasizing implicit faith in him and a perfect willingness to follow at once his guidance.

Prof. Miller preached the Sunday morning sermon from Jno. 20:21. As he preached the call of God to go or send the gospel to the whole world seemed more and more real to everyone.

On Sunday evening the church was filled. After a Bible reading by M. A. Witter, Prof. Beal gave an inspiring address on "The world's challenge to Christianity and how to meet it." The condition of the heathen, the open doors set before the church and the great wealth in the hands of the Christian people are a challenge to evangelize the world. This can be met only after Christians have had a vision of the world's need and